

HEARD
THERE'S A HUMAN
CONTESTANT
TODAY.

HAHA,
THAT'S FUNNY.
WHAT DO THEY
THINK THIS PLACE IS?
YA THINK IT'S
BECAUSE BLAKE
IS STILL
HUMAN?

DON'T
EXAGGERATE.
WHO WOULD SET
ON A HUMAN? THE
SHAPES FOR THE
OTHER COMPETITORS
WILL BE
DOUBLED.

THE SHOW---
TIME THAT
YOU'VE BEEN
WAITING FOR!!!

TODAY MARKS
THE TWENTY-THIRD
CHALLENGE!!



TODAY WE HAVE
A VERY! SPECIAL!
GUEST. THE OWNER
OF GENTLEMAN PUB!
MISS BLAKE HAS
HONORED US WITH
HER PRESENCE!

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OH? BLAKE
IS HERE?



LESSA

LEDDA

THE CRIMSON KNIGHT

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HELLO, THIS
IS MISS BLAKE.

IS EVERYONE
HAVING A
GOOD DAY?

YEAH!
OF
COURSE!

YE
A
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WE HAVE SOME
MEXICAN TEQUILA
THAT JUST CAME IN
YESTERDAY SO
PLEASE ENJOY
YOUR MEAL



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AH- ALSO,

EVERYONE
KNOWS THAT WE
HAVE SOME
SPECIAL
COMPETITORS
TODAY, RIGHT?



DON'T FORGET
MISS BLAKE
NEVER DOES
ANYTHING BORING-!

IS SHE TALKING
ABOUT US...?





THEN- THE
BLOOD AND
SWEAT THAT YOU
ALL LOVE,



PLEASE SPLASH IT
ON THIS BURNING
STAGE ALL YOU
WANT-!

YEAHH-I
MISS BLAKE!!





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YEAH!

SHE'S
ALMOST
AN IDOL..

AND SHE
SAYS SHE GETS
ASSASSINATION
THREATS..





WUH!




ANYWHO,
LOOKS LIKE WE'LL
FIGHT IN THESE
NICE SUITS...

WE CAN'T
HELP IT.
EVERYONE IS
DRESSED THE
SAME.

THE SUIT IS



LIKE THE PRIDE OF
ZONE 2. YOU
DON'T KNOW
THAT, HUMAN?



BELIEVERS
IN ZONE 2 ARE ELITES
WHO HAVE READ ALL THE
CONTENTS OF THE HOLY
BOOK THOROUGHLY. WE ARE
TRUE BELIEVERS WHO LIVE
TO BRING GLORY TO HIS
HIGHNESS—

SO WE NEVER
KILL UNLESS IT'S
NECESSARY. WE ARE
GENTLEMEN
IN THAT SENSE.

IF YOU WISH
TO LOWER YOUR
OWN PRICE, TAKE
OFF THE SUIT
RIGHT NOW.

THEN I'D BE
JUSTIFIED TO
EAT YOU UP



WE GOTTA
BEAT THAT ONE
UP FIRST

A group of people are on a stage. A bright spotlight is focused on a person in the center, who is wearing a white shirt and dark pants. To their left, a person with long dark hair and a yellow flower in it is looking towards the center. To the right, a person with long blonde hair is also looking towards the center. In the background, another person is partially visible. A red speech bubble is above the person in the center.

WOULD YOU-
MOVE ASIDE?
IT'S MY TURN TO
GO ON STAGE
NOW.

A person is speaking into a microphone. The person is wearing a dark jacket and a white shirt. The background is dark and out of focus. A purple speech bubble is in the foreground.

INTRODUCING
THE
COMPETITORS!



THE WINNER OF
LAST SEASON'S
CHALLENGER
MATCH, JOSEPH
BORTNER!!

IRON DAWSON
THE IRON
MONSTER!!

YOUNGCHOON
PARK THE
GIANT!!

HE'S BIG!

FIRST-TIME
COMPETITOR
HANS!!

W
A
A
A

ROB WILLIAM!

AND LAST
BUT NOT
LEAST...!!

AH, IS
THAT—

THERE
THEY ARE...!

HUMAN
COMPETITORS
!!

MR. BURBER!!



MR. MALKO!!

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THE RING
IS SO FULL...

CAN WE
PROPERLY FIGHT
LIKE THIS?

THAT GIANT
ESPECIALLY- WITH
ONE SWING, ONE
OR TWO PEOPLE
WILL JUST FALL
OFF STAGE

ARGH-



WHAT AN EMBARRASSMENT, FIGHTING HUMANS IN MY FIRST MATCH.

ESPECIALLY THAT GIRLY-LOOKING ONE. CHUCKLE...

HMPH~ DON'T BE TOO HARSH. I FEEL SAD FOR THE HUMANS.



WATCH WHAT YOU'RE SAYING...

DON'T MIND HIM.



HMPH.

WELL WELL~
LET ME GO OVER
THE RULES
FOR THE
NEWCOMERS!



THERE'RE SEVEN
COMPETITORS THIS
SEASON! THEY'LL
BE FIGHTING
IN THIS TINY RING!

NO WEAPON!
ONLY YOUR
FISTS!

YOU'RE
DISQUALIFIED IF
YOU'RE DOWN OR
IF YOU FALL
OFF THE RING!



ONLY ONE
WILL SURVIVE!!

'ONLY ONE' WILL
GET THE TICKET
TO THE MAIN
MATCH!!



ONLY ONE?

WHY?



DIDN'T THEY SAY EVERYONE
WHO CAN STAY IN THE RING FOR FIVE HOURS?

IT WAS A LIE...?

DUM

TO SEE US
FIGHT EACH OTHER?

TO MAKE A SHOW
OUT OF US?
FOR WHAT..?

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DUM

DUM

THIS IS WHAT YOU'VE BEEN DYING TO SHOW ME?

...WELL,
DID YOU THINK I'D SAY 'WHY DID YOU DO THIS--'
WHILE SOBBING ?





OR DID YOU THINK
I'D GO ON A KILLING
SPREE OUT OF RAGE?

MY ANSWER IS...

WHAT
ABOUT
IT, YOU
BASTARD

I CAN
ALWAYS GET
MORE
DOGS.

WHAT
DID YOU WANT
TO HEAR
ME SAY?



THANK YOU.

FOR BEING
A CONSISTENT
PEAK AT
LEAST.

I FEEL
BAD FOR
MYSELF, FINDING
COMFORT IN
SUCH THING



STOP THE
BLASPHEMY,
WHITE.

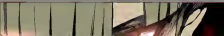
WHATEVER
WE ARE, IT DOESN'T
CHANGE THE FACT THAT
WE HAVE TO WONDER
WHAT WE'RE COMING TO

WHAT HE MEANS TO
CHEW DOWN AND FILL
OUR STOMACHS
WITH TODAY.



YOU DIDN'T
GET THAT YET?

IT'S YOU
WHO WILL NEVER
UNDERSTAND IT
ALL YOUR LIFE.





YOU KNOW,
I NEVER KILL MY
OWN KIND EVEN IF
I'M DYING OF
HUNGER.

THAT'S
WHY YOU
CAN'T BE A
BELIEVER.

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